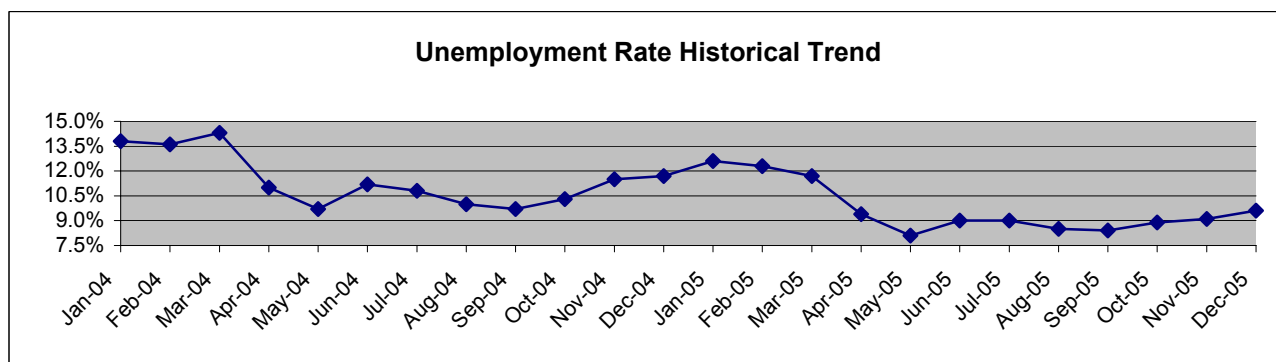


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 VISALIA-PORTERVILLE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Tulare County)

The unemployment rate in Tulare County was 9.6 percent in December 2005, up from a revised 9.1 percent in November 2005, but below the year-ago estimate of 11.7 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.8 percent for California and 4.6 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Nov-2005	Dec-2005	Change		Dec-2004	Dec-2005	Change
Total Jobs	131,000	130,000	(1,000)		129,300	130,000	700
Farm Jobs	25,600	24,600	(1,000)		24,900	24,600	(300)
Nonfarm Jobs	105,400	105,400	0		104,400	105,400	1,000
Natural Resources, Mining and Construction	6,400	6,200	(200)		6,300	6,200	(100)
Manufacturing	11,100	11,000	(100)		11,500	11,000	(500)
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	22,100	22,600	500		23,000	22,600	(400)
Information	1,200	1,200	0		1,200	1,200	0
Financial Activities	4,500	4,500	0		4,400	4,500	100
Professional and Business Services	9,800	10,000	200		9,200	10,000	800
Educational and Health Services	9,400	9,400	0		9,200	9,400	200
Leisure and Hospitality	7,600	7,400	(200)		7,400	7,400	0
Other Services	2,800	2,800	0		2,800	2,800	0
Government	30,500	30,300	(200)		29,400	30,300	900

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality

Data may not add due to rounding

Additional data are available on-line at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

Visalia-Porterville MSA
Tulare County
Industry Employment & Labor Force
March 2004 Benchmark

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Civilian Labor Force (1)	178,900	178,800	176,300	177,400	0.6%	-0.8%
Civilian Employment	158,000	162,900	160,300	160,300	0.0%	1.5%
Civilian Unemployment	20,900	15,900	16,000	17,000	6.3%	-18.7%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	11.7%	8.9%	9.1%	9.6%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.7%	5.0%	5.1%	4.8%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.1%	4.6%	4.8%	4.6%		
Total, All Industries (2)	129,300	133,500	131,000	130,000	-0.8%	0.5%
Total Farm	24,900	28,700	25,600	24,600	-3.9%	-1.2%
Total Nonfarm	104,400	104,800	105,400	105,400	0.0%	1.0%
Total Private	75,000	74,600	74,900	75,100	0.3%	0.1%
Goods Producing	17,800	18,000	17,500	17,200	-1.7%	-3.4%
Natural Resources, Mining and Construction	6,300	6,700	6,400	6,200	-3.1%	-1.6%
Natural Resources and Mining	100	100	100	100	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	6,200	6,600	6,300	6,100	-3.2%	-1.6%
Manufacturing	11,500	11,300	11,100	11,000	-0.9%	-4.3%
Durable Goods	3,800	3,600	3,500	3,400	-2.9%	-10.5%
Wood Product Manufacturing	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Machinery Manufacturing	700	700	700	600	-14.3%	-14.3%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	500	600	600	600	0.0%	20.0%
Residual-Miscellaneous Manufacturing	2,000	1,700	1,600	1,600	0.0%	-20.0%
Nondurable Goods	7,600	7,700	7,600	7,600	0.0%	0.0%
Food Man & Beverage & Tobacco	4,600	4,600	4,500	4,600	2.2%	0.0%
Residual-Textile Mills	3,000	3,100	3,100	3,000	-3.2%	0.0%
Service Providing	86,600	86,800	87,900	88,200	0.3%	1.8%
Private Service producing	57,200	56,600	57,400	57,900	0.9%	1.2%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	23,000	21,500	22,100	22,600	2.3%	-1.7%
Wholesale Trade	3,500	3,300	3,300	3,300	0.0%	-5.7%
Retail Trade	14,700	13,500	14,000	14,500	3.6%	-1.4%
Food and Beverage Stores	2,800	2,600	2,600	2,600	0.0%	-7.1%
General Merchandise Stores	3,500	3,000	3,400	3,700	8.8%	5.7%
Residual-Miscellaneous Store Retailers	8,400	7,900	8,000	8,200	2.5%	-2.4%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	4,800	4,700	4,800	4,800	0.0%	0.0%
Utilities	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Transportation and Warehousing	4,200	4,100	4,200	4,200	0.0%	0.0%
Information	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	4,400	4,500	4,500	4,500	0.0%	2.3%
Finance and Insurance	3,200	3,400	3,400	3,400	0.0%	6.3%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,200	1,100	1,100	1,100	0.0%	-8.3%
Professional and Business Services	9,200	9,600	9,800	10,000	2.0%	8.7%
Educational and Health Services	9,200	9,200	9,400	9,400	0.0%	2.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	7,400	7,800	7,600	7,400	-2.6%	0.0%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	500	700	600	500	-16.7%	0.0%
Accommodation and Food Service	6,800	7,100	7,000	6,900	-1.4%	1.5%
Accommodation	700	600	600	600	0.0%	-14.3%
Food Services and Drinking Places	6,300	6,500	6,400	6,300	-1.6%	0.0%
Other Services	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	0.0%	0.0%
Government	29,400	30,200	30,500	30,300	-0.7%	3.1%
Federal Government	1,300	1,200	1,300	1,200	-7.7%	-7.7%
State and Local Government	28,100	29,000	29,200	29,100	-0.3%	3.6%
State Government	2,300	2,400	2,300	2,300	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	25,800	26,600	26,900	26,800	-0.4%	3.9%

Note 1: Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

Note 2: Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals,

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